The magical date of 19th July has now been reached and we have moved into the final stages of the Covid restrictions.  The Club has produced written guidance for our members/guests posted by the main entrances which hopefully most will follow.  Certain restrictions have been retained with other advice given which we respectively ask people to follow.  At the end of the day we wish all entering our premises to remain safe and our staff given respect to carry out their roles in a safe environment.

The Café has returned to the Lounge and this has proved a popular move.  The selection of meals/snacks is now more varied and we serve until 1.30pm.  A booking system is in operation and customers can reserve a table in advance by speaking to a member of staff.

We have now returned to our normal opening and closing hours which are as follows :-

                   Sunday                 12 noon       -        10.30pm

                   Monday                5 pm          -        10.30pm

                   Tuesday                10am          -        10.30pm

                   Wednesday           10am           -        10.30pm

                   Thursday              10am          -        10.30pm

                   Friday                  10am          -        11.30pm

                   Saturday               10am           -        11.30pm

The staff are allowed to close a little earlier if the Club has no customers and there is little likelihood of anyone coming in. We hope this situation will not arise too often.

Bingo is now in its third week and members are returning to enjoy their games on a Friday night commencing at 8pm.  We have maintained a carefully controlled environment and we hope that those who have not yet returned will do so in the next few weeks.

The weekly quiz which now commences at 8pm on a Wednesday evening got underway on the 14thJuly.  There was a little confusion over the earlier starting time but the attendance on the first evening was very good.  The general consensus of a starting time of at 8pm was favourable and the quiz will continue to be at this time for the foreseeable future.

Line Dancing returned on Monday at 7pm and Maureen tells me she was pleased with the first weeks attendance following lockdown.  The classes are open primarily for beginners from 7pm with more experienced dancers taking to the floor later in the evening.  If you have not attended previously just turn up on a Monday evening and introduce yourself to Maureen who will give an explanation of how things operate.

On Saturday we promoted an evening with our first live band ‘The Detroits’.  Members and guests had to be seated with table service and there was no dancing.  In the region of 40 members/guests attended and from all reports most present said it was great to hear live music for the first time in over

12 months.  The restrictions are now curtailed when we look forward to our next major event on Saturday 31st July when Northern Soul/Motown music returns. This is a ticketed event and there will be no opportunity to pay on the door.  This aspect will be strictly observed so if you don’t have a ticket please do not turn up.

The Fit Steps classes on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm with Steph have proved very popular.  Steph has struggled to get sufficient numbers for her Pilates class at 5.15pm and decided to cancel the programme until September when the class returns.  For anyone who is interested the class costs only £5 per session payable weekly under the guidance of a very experienced instructor.  Please refer to Steph’s facebook page or email [stephjdancefitness@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephjdancefitness@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

Finally, on the exercise front Yoga has returned on a Wednesday at 2pm.  The early sessions have proved popular but you can still contact the instructor Sheila Frith on a Wednesday for further advice prior to the session commencing.

A note for your diary is that the Barry Hyde Trophy will take place on Sunday 19th September. This major event in the bowls diary is open to both Ladies and Gents bowlers of all age groups and the lists to enter this competition will be published shortly.  Watch the notice boards and put your name down if you are interested for an excellent day of Crown Green Bowling.

The Club would like to thank Nick Parr and his helpers for another three sessions of bowls tuition on Wednesdays during June/July.  The sessions were aimed at introducing the game to beginners and in total 18 new players tried their skills.  The attendees were so impressed by the training that the instruction team have agreed to put on an extra three sessions which should have begun on 21stJuly.  Unfortunately the first session had to be cancelled because of the hot weather but will return on 28th July.  Thank you to everyone who took part especially the training team who made it all possible.

There is no necessity now to book the bowling green in advance but the pre-booking system for the snooker tables will remain.  The arrangement for snooker has worked particularly well and avoids the necessity to wait around for the table to become available.

A final note the Club is again opening its doors for a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 24thSeptember.  If you have the time to assist in volunteering or have anything suitable for the raffle or tombola please leave it at the Club or give your name and contact number to someone in the office.

I would again like to thank all those who have supported Rolleston Club over the past few months and ‘hopefully’ will be able to do so for the foreseeable future.

We have a Facebook page [Rolleston Club](https://en-gb.facebook.com/rollestonclub/) and a Twitter account [@Rolleston\_Club](https://twitter.com/Rolleston_Club) for up to date news and our website, [www.rollestonclub.org.uk](http://www.rollestonclub.org.uk) is now also live.  Join in our conversation

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